

Claims:

1. A potassium salt or a sodium salt of (-)-2-{{2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)ethyl}thio}-3-[4-(2-
4-[(methylsulfonyl)oxy]phenoxy)ethyl]phenyl]propanoic acid.
2. A salt according to claim 1 which is a potassium salt.
3. A salt according to claim 1 which is a sodium salt.
4. A salt as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 which may be a solvate, a hydrate, a
mixed solvate/hydrate, an anhydrate or an anhydrous form.
5. A salt as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4 in crystalline or partially crystalline
form.
6. A pharmaceutical formulation comprising a compound according to any one of claims
1 to 5 in admixture with pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvants, diluents and/or carriers.
7. A method of treating or preventing lipid disorders (dyslipidemia) whether or not
associated with insulin resistance comprising the administration of a compound according to
any one of claims 1 to 5 to a mammal in need thereof.
8. The use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 5 in the manufacture of a
medicament for the treatment of lipid disorders (dyslipidemia) whether or not associated with
insulin resistance.
9. A method of treating or preventing type 2 diabetes comprising the administration of an
effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 5 to a mammal in need
thereof.
10. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of claims
1 to 5 combined with another therapeutic agent that is useful in the treatment of disorders
associated with the development and progress of atherosclerosis such as hypertension,
hyperlipidaemias, dyslipidaemias, diabetes and obesity.